



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE: Patent Application Serial No. 09/834,924
APPLICANT: George Harry Hoffman, et al.
TITLE: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR
DISTRIBUTOR/SUPPLIER SELECTION IN A SUPPLY CHAIN
MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK
FILING DATE: 4/13/01
GROUP ART UNIT: 2176

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING
PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

1. **Response.** The following Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application is filed pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.53(f) and 1.85. In support thereof the Response includes the following:

2. **Fee.** Accompanying this Response is our check in the amount of \$65.00 in payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.16. The Office is authorized to charge any additional fees for this Response to Deposit Account No. 03-0683. (Order No. 41556/04836 (RSI1P100)).

3. **Completion of Nonprovisional Application.** Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.53(f), the attached Declaration conforming to 37 CFR § 1.63 is hereby submitted.

4. **Complete Set of Substitute Drawings Conforming to Margin Requirements.**
We have made photoreductions and other adjustments to conform with the margin requirements. No changes to the drawings were made, therefore, within the meaning of 37 CFR § 1.16. We are advised by the Office therefore, that no statement of corrections are required pursuant to 37 CFR

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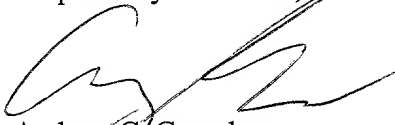
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§ 1.16. Accordingly, a complete set of all drawings conforming to the margin requirements, but otherwise identical to those originally filed, is provided.

5. **Conclusion.** It is respectfully submitted that the captioned application is in condition for examination and allowance.

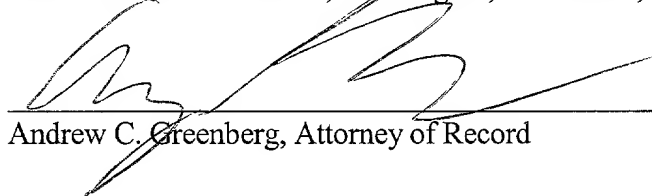
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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